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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED AUGUST 19, 2003

In response to the Office Action dated August 19, 2003, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on November 19, 2003, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. Also enclosed is a Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time to extend the time for response to and including December 19, 2003.

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01 FC:1201 20-0782/WEAT/0303/WBP, the fee of \$86.00 for one new independent claim and for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper. **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper. **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.